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SUBJECT: **INITIAL FORMAL REQUEST FOR MATERIALS FOR THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO MAY 27, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 7, 2020 PROTESTS**

The National Police Foundation (NPF) is conducting an independent review of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) response to protests in all four bureaus, particularly in the Central and West Bureaus, that occurred between the dates of May 27, 2020 through June 7, 2020. The purpose of the review is to provide an evidence-based and data-centered independent assessment of the LAPD response from a variety of perspectives. The NPF Team will identify lessons learned, promising practices, and provide evidence-based and actionable recommendations to improve policies, procedures, tactics, systems, relationships, and responses to future incidents.

Below, we are requesting a variety of preliminary materials, data and information be provided to facilitate our review, in addition to our own, ongoing open source collection processes. Given that much of the information requested may be of a confidential or sensitive nature, we are requesting that the materials be uploaded to our secure, Criminal Justice Information Services-compliant, cloud-based storage system (Box.com) for you to upload the materials into. Please advise if this process is workable or if an alternative is needed. If there are reasons that you are not able to provide this information, please let us know in writing as soon as possible.

Please note that this is not meant to be an exhaustive list. If there are policies, procedures, systems, or other resources that you believe would be helpful for the NPF Team to review as we move through the process, please do not hesitate to include that information as well. We anticipate that as the review evolves, we will submit additional requests for information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. We are happy to discuss or clarify any of the requested materials with you at your convenience.

Requested Materials:

Training Curricula and Records: **(All assigned to PTB – Sgt. Cullen 6-7079)**

- Recruit and in-service training records and curricula pertaining to community policing and/or community engagement and civil disturbance events including incident command training, and number of personnel trained in these areas from January 2018 to present. (Bates Stamp No. NPF002216-002247, NPF002254-002274, NPF002322-002342, NPF002374, NPF003533-003534, NPF003731-003734)
- All recruit training broken down by blocks of training, to include type of training and number of hours. Please include training hours and recruit curriculum regarding de-escalation, conflict resolution, crowd management, Mobile Field Force, use of force, use of chemical agents, and First and Fourth Amendments. (Bates Stamp No. NPF000121-000178, NPF000246-000256, NPF002210-002211, NPF002248-002253, NPF002275-002321, NPF002343-002373, NPF002375-002435)
- In-service training blocks that specifically address de-escalation, conflict resolution, crowd management, Mobile Field Force, use of force and chemical agents (both generally and within the context of crowd management), and First and Fourth Amendments. (Bates Stamp No. NPF000001-000120, NPF000179-0000187, NPF0000198-000200, NPF000236-000245, NPF000257-000312, NPF002436-002465, NPF002468-003532, NPF003572-003730)
- Any specific/specialized training for Mobile Field Force/specialized units regarding de-escalation, use of force, deployment of chemical or other munitions. (Bates Stamp No. NPF000376-000398, NPF002063-002067, NPF002127-002159)
- Participant rosters, demographics, surveys or other participant data/information from any training regarding responding to mass demonstrations/assemblies. (Bates Stamp No. NPF002068-002126)

Policies/Strategies:

- Any Incident Action Plans (IAPs), Incident Command System (ICS) 214 activity logs, and after-action reviews related to mass demonstrations and First Amendment assemblies from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(ESD provided some doc's, waiting for any additional doc's)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF000419-0001463, NPF001464-001765, NPF002160-002185)
- Any Emergency Mobilization Plan and any citywide Emergency Plan(s) related to mass demonstrations. **(Rec'vd some doc's from ESD)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF000313-000357, NPF000404-000418)
- Documentation of the mental health plan that was implemented to include whether critical incident stress defusing and/or debriefings were conducted with officers assigned to the assemblies and protests. **(BSS – received; possibly also COS?)**
- Any policies, strategies, and/or plans, not publicly available, related to community policing and/or community engagement. **(OO – CEG)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF000399-000403, NPF001766-001775, NPF003744-003749, NPF003756-003764)
- Specific policies, department orders specific to the authorization and deployment of chemical and other munitions. **(Rec'vd some info from ESD)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF000188-000197, NPF000201-000216, NPF000364-000375, NPF003750-003755)
- Breakdown of any specialized units that were deployed by LAPD in response to the demonstrations/assemblies – Mobile Field Force, SWAT, K-9, Air Support, Community Engagement,

Mounted, etc. as well as a description of the role the units played to include any after action reports/assessments. **(Check with ESD)**

Multimedia:

- Any, and all, radio communication related to the assemblies and protests from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(Communications - received)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF003739-003742)
- Any, and all, recordings of LAPD channels active during the response to assemblies and protests from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(Communications - received)**
- Alarm record (times) for all LAPD units dispatched to assemblies and protests from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(Communications - received)**
- Any, and all, LAPD body worn camera, surveillance camera, and/or patrol car camera footage (including video evidence secured by investigators) related to assemblies and protests from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(IMD – in process)**
- Any, and all, transcripts/recordings of incoming and outgoing 911 calls (and any other emergency calls) including direct lines to other dispatch centers related to assemblies and protests from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(Communications - received)**
- Statements of officers involved in the arrests of persons detained during assemblies and protests from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. **(check with ESD?)**
- Any LAPD social media posts regarding the status of the demonstrations/assemblies either proactive (information providing) or reactive (information clarifying). **(MCD - Captain Spell - pending)**

Officer Wellness/Injuries:

- Redacted reports of officer injuries within the relevant locations and timeframes. **(OO – /Wilshire – pending)**
- Costs of officer injuries within the relevant locations and timeframes. **(FG – pending)**
- Aggregate number of hours/days of leave (vacation, sick, etc.) for May 27, 2020 – June 30, 2020 and May 27, 2019 – June 30, 2019. **(FG – pending)**
- Aggregate number of referrals/self-referrals to EAP or other department sponsored/supported mental health provider (internal or external) for May 27, 2020 – June 30, 2020 and May 27, 2019 – June 30, 2019. **(BSS – received; possibly also COS)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF002208)
- Any, and all, mental health resources provided to LAPD staff since May 27, 2020, including EAP or similar contacts/requests/usage data for the period May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. **(BSS - received)**

Police Conduct/Use of Force Complaints & Related Investigations:

All reports documenting officer use of force related to the assemblies and protests. **(OO – not yet requested)**

Any written materials documenting incidents referred for administrative or criminal investigation. **(PSB – not yet received)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF003765-004069)

Data:

Data on the number and type of arrests and prosecutions for civil unrest-related incidents from May 27, 2020 to present. **(check with ESD);** (Bates Stamp No. NPF003738-003738, NPF004070-004326, NPF004858-006064)

- Data on local jail capacity at the time that individuals arrested for civil unrest-related incidents from May 27, 2020 – June 30, 2020 were detained. (Bates Stamp No. NPF001776-001803, NPF004327)

Response:

- Any chronology or timelines of the events leading up to the event, during the event, and post-event. (Bates Stamp No. NPF001804-002000)
- Any existing internal or other action reports/assessments on the response to the May 27, 2020 – June 30, 2020 protests. **(check with ESD)**

Fiscal:

- Listing of overall expenses, including:
  - Resources
  - Overtime, and,
  - Damage sustained during the incident. **(FG – pending); (ESD provided some data on property damage, already uploaded in box.com)** (Bates Stamp No. NPF002001-002004, NPF002186-2207, NPF002209, NPF003735, NPF003743)

Other:

- Any other departmental documentation directly relating to the protests and demonstrations that occurred from May 27, 2020 – June 7, 2020. (Bates Stamp No. NPF000217-000235, NPF000358-000363, NPF002005-000262)